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From: John Blake
To: Wayne Western
Date: 8/10/2009 8:38 AM
Subject: Re: Big Thompson Pit Bond Release

To: Wayne Western, DOGM
RE: ML 49611, Reclamation Bond

I understand that the Big Thompson Pit was owned and operated by Brown Brothers Construction Company, and located in SE4NE4, Section 2, T36S, R9E, SLB&M, under trust lands minerals permit No. ML 49611. This permit expired on January 31, 2006. Since reclamation is complete the Trust Lands Administration consents to release of the \$3,000 bond held by DOGM.

FYI: Brown Bros. Construction Co. recently obtained a new minerals permit from the Trust Lands Administration, ML 50920, covering all of Section 2, T36S, R9E, SLB&M. I understand that the company plans to open a new quarry somewhere upon these lands in the very near future. Mr. Brown should be contacting you about this matter.

Thank you,

John T. Blake
Trust Lands Minerals Specialist
Trust Lands Administration

>>> Wayne Western 8/6/2009 4:33 PM >>>
John,

The Division received a request for full bond release for the Big Thompson Pit S/017/0047 mine. The site had a partial bond release in 2007. The Division currently holds a \$3,000 bond for the site.

The earthwork was completed in 2007 and seeded.

The amount of vegetation on the site is limited, due to high salt and clay content of the soil and limited precipitation. The Division found that the vegetation on the site is comparable to that in the surrounding area and that an further attempt to increase vegetation at the site would be marginal.

If you conlude with the Division's finds please send a concurrent letter to the Division.

Please call or Email me if you have any questions.

Wayne

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